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PRAYERS.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Almighty and most merciful God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, who hast brought us safely to the beginning of this day, give us grace, we beseech thee, that we may now offer, with one accord, our common supplications unto thee; and in compassion to our ignorance teach us how to pray.

We acknowledge our transgressions, gracious Lord, and our sin is ever before us; make the remembrance of it more grievous to us than it is: and have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake.

Make us to be a household fearing thee. Endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may amend our lives according to thy Holy Word, and do every thing that is pleasing in thy sight. As our blessed Saviour, who died for our sins, did, as on this day, rise again from the dead, so may we be raised by thy power to newness of life, and daily advance in all virtue and godliness.

Thou hast been pleased, O Lord, for thine own glory, and for the benefit of thy creatures, to set apart one day out of seven, to be kept holy to thyself. Give us grace, that we may sanctify thy appointment to the honour of thy holy name, and the good of our own souls.

Thou art in heaven, O Lord, and we, thy sinful creatures, are upon earth: make us to worship thee this day, with all becoming reverence and submission both of souls and bodies; and fulfil thy gracious promise, that where two or three are gathered together in thy name, there wilt thou be in the midst of them.

Help us against the infirmities of our nature, and the sins that beset us in our attendance upon thee. Bless the instruction, which may this day be given to all that profess the name of Christ; that it may fall upon serious and faithful hearts, to the strengthening of belief, and the improvement of practice. Incline us to hear thy word with attention, and to receive it with meekness and gladness of heart. Dispose and prepare our souls to receive the full benefit of those holy ordinances which thou hast appointed for our edification and comfort; and grant that the effects of our religious exercises on this day may be seen in our Christian behaviour during the remainder of the week; that each succeeding Lord's day may find us advancing in the great work of our salvation, and better prepared for that eternal rest, which is in store for the faithful servants of thy blessed Son.

O Lord, who art the Father of all mankind, receive also, we beseech thee, our supplications for the universal Church of Christ. Pour out thy Spirit upon all its members; and bring into its bosom, in thine own good time, all those on whom the light of the Gospel has not yet shined. And may all, who have received the word of salvation, contribute, in their several stations, to promote the glory of thy holy

name, and to extend the kingdom of thy dear Son upon earth, by living in Christian holiness, and unity, and godly love.

Accept, we beseech thee, O heavenly Father, this imperfect expression of our wants; and grant unto thy servants whatever is most expedient for them, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread: And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the love of God; and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all, evermore. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Almighty God and heavenly Father, by thy merciful protection we are brought to the evening of another Lord's day, and are met together to acknowledge thy goodness, and to pray for its continuance.

Make us more sensible of thy mercies and of our own unworthiness; and teach us to value and improve the privilege, which thou vouchsafest to us, of drawing nigh unto thee in prayer, through faith in thy blessed Son.

We bless thee for all our opportunities and means of serving thee ; that thou hast revealed thyself to us in the Gospel of Jesus Christ ; that we have been admitted into his Church by baptism ; and that we have been born in a land where the true light shineth. Give us grace, we beseech thee, to use these blessings as we ought.

We thank thee, most merciful Lord, that thou hast permitted us this day to attend thee in the courts of thine house with the offering of prayer and praise. Grant that we may not have gone thither in vain. Pardon all the imperfections of our acts of worship, our coldness of heart, our wandering thoughts, our want of faith. Give us for the time to come an unwearied spirit of devotion, and a heart to love and fear thee : help us to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ; that we may learn to take a lively pleasure in all the duties of religion.

Thou hast promised to hear the petitions of all those who ask in thy Son's name : may the things which we have this day asked faithfully, be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessities, and to the setting forth of thy glory.

Most merciful God, we beseech thee, accept the praises, and return a gracious answer to the prayers, of thy Church, which have been offered up to thee this day. Grant to us, and to all thy people, every where, that whatever good instruction we have heard, we may carefully remember, and diligently follow. Let the seed of thy word take deep root in the hearts

of all thy servants, and bring forth much fruit, to the glory of thy name, and to the credit of our Christian profession.

Whatever holy thoughts and good desires thou hast this day put into any of our hearts, we humbly pray, that by the assistance of thy grace we may bring the same to good effect. Let the solemn ordinances of religion be made by thy blessing the means of increasing amongst us true piety and virtue : grant that all who attend them, may do it with sincerity of mind ; and to those who neglect them, be pleased to give repentance and an obedient heart.

Continue to us, and to thy universal Church, the means of grace and salvation ; and grant that thy way may be known to all the earth, thy saving health unto all nations.

We desire now to commend ourselves, and all for whom we are in duty bound to pray, to the protection of thy good Providence.

Defend us from all perils and dangers of this night ; and if it please thee to bring us to the beginning of another day, give us grace to improve it to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c,

The grace of our Lord, &c.

MONDAY MORNING.

O God, by whom the whole world is governed and preserved, we, thine unworthy creatures, under a thankful sense of thy providential care, draw nigh

unto thee to offer our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise.

O Lord, thou art about our bed, and about our path, and spiest out all our ways. There is nothing hid from thee: there is not a thought in our hearts, but thou knowest it altogether. If there be any thing there which offendeth thee, O Lord, enable us by thy grace to discover and cast it out, that we may come before thee with the preparation of a clean heart, and a right mind.

We thank thee, that thou hast protected us from all the dangers of the night: continue thy goodness to us through this day, and preserve us from all dangers both of body and soul. Suffer us not to forget the lessons of holiness, which we were taught on thy day of sacred rest, but dispose us to manifest in our behaviour this day, and during the week, the blessed effects of thy word and means of grace.

We thank thee, O heavenly Father, for all the time which thou hast given us; and acknowledge that we have greatly wasted and misused it. May we do so no more. Make us to remember, that every day is thy gift, and to be used in thy service, and in doing the work of our salvation. O may we have time and grace to finish our appointed task, before the night cometh, in which no work may be done. Lord, spare us yet awhile, that we may be better prepared to meet thee at the last day.

We acknowledge thy numberless mercies vouchsafed to us, and to all mankind: make us duly thankful for them all; and teach us to show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up

ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil: and dispose us to follow, in all things, the motions of thy good Spirit, not trusting to our own strength or wisdom, but looking to thee for grace to establish us in every good word and work.

Increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; that we may continue thine forever, and daily increase in thy Holy Spirit more and more, till we come to thine everlasting kingdom.

Be pleased, O Lord, to receive our humble intercession for all orders and degrees of men; for the President of the United States, and all others in authority,* that they may be thy ministers to us for good; for the appointed teachers of thy Word, and pastors of thy flock; and for all the members of thy Church: that all may faithfully serve thee in their several stations, and adorn the doctrine of God their Saviour in all things.

We beseech thee, also, have mercy upon all those who have not yet known thee. Turn them, O Lord, to the way of life; take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word; and save them, together with us, through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

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* In this and similar cases, verbal alterations have, of course, been made in the American edition. The remark also applies to a few other instances.

MONDAY EVENING.

O Lord Almighty, who art God in heaven above and in the earth beneath, thou art worthy to be praised with all pure and holy praise. What service can we, thy sinful creatures, offer, which thou wilt be pleased to accept? What is man that thou art mindful of him; and the son of man that thou visitest him?

Thou, O God, art our maker, preserver, and guide: it is not in man that walketh, to direct his steps; we are not able of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is of thee.

We do not presume to call upon thee, O Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies in Jesus Christ. We are not worthy so much as to lift up our hands unto thee: but thy property is to have mercy, and thou hast graciously promised to hear those who ask in thy Son's name. For his sake, be pleased to listen to the prayers of thine unworthy servants.

Pardon, we beseech thee, the sins of which we have this day been guilty; consider the weakness of our nature; and for thy dear Son's sake, be not extreme to mark what is done amiss. We magnify thy goodness, which has so long spared us, and has granted us so much time for repentance: give us grace that we may henceforth turn it to better account.

Thou art good, O Lord, to the unthankful and the evil. If we can never deserve thy mercies, yet teach us to value and to use them as we ought.

Enable us this night to shake off worldly cares and desires, and to meditate upon thee: let thy Holy Spirit be present with us in our devotions, to purify our hearts, and to bring before us the things which concern our peace, and to inspire us with godly resolutions.

Above all things, make us rightly to understand thine infinite mercy in the redemption of mankind by Jesus Christ, and diligently to avail ourselves of all our privileges, as his disciples, and thy children by adoption and grace.

Look down, we beseech thee, with compassion upon all thy afflicted servants; grant them the comforts of thy Holy spirit; and in thine own good time visit and relieve them.

Establish thy kingdom in the hearts of men; make the Gospel successful, to the present holiness and eternal welfare of us all; and, more particularly, we beg thine abundant blessing upon the Church to which we belong.

O heavenly Father, we commit ourselves to thy holy keeping this night, and desire to rest securely under the shadow of thy protection. Defend us from all perils and dangers, and especially from those which may assault and hurt the soul. Prepare us by comfortable repose for the duties of the morrow; and grant that we may rise disposed and strengthened for thy service, as faithful and diligent disciples of thy blessed Son; in whose words we further pray:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY MORNING.

O God, the King eternal and invisible, Maker of the world and all that is therein, worthy art thou to receive glory, and honour, and power; for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. In thy hand is our life; and thine are all our ways; we are thine by creation and redemption: not our own, but bought with a price, and joined to thee in an everlasting covenant. Thy mercies fail not, but are new every morning. We are not worthy of the least of them all; but thou hast commanded us to draw nigh unto thee in prayer, and our desire is unto thy name.

Accept, we beseech thee, our morning sacrifice of prayer and praise; and let the lifting up of our hands, and the words of our mouth, be pleasing in thy sight, for Jesus Christ's sake.

We praise thee for thy goodness, in having brought us safely to the beginning of another day; for thy preservation of us during our past lives; for all the mercies which thou has bestowed upon us, notwithstanding our repeated transgressions; but especially for Jesus Christ our Saviour, and in Him for all our means of grace and hopes of glory.

That we may value thy goodness as we ought, teach us to know our own unworthiness. We have sinned with our fathers, and done wickedly. But, O Lord, absolve us from our offences; pardon the sinfulness of our corrupt nature, and the transgressions which by our frailty we have committed; and de-

liver us from the bands of sin, that iniquity may not be our ruin.

Give us grace, that, amidst all our worldly cares and occupations, we may never forget thee, but remember that we are walking in thy sight.

Enable us to subdue all unholy desires, and, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world.

Preserve us from idleness in the concerns both of our souls and bodies: that we may not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Dispose us to regard one another with brotherly affection and good will; and enable us to do our duty in that state of life to which thou hast called us, not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing thee.

Be pleased, O Lord, to comfort and succour the poor and the afflicted; and dispose us to do good unto all men, under a thankful sense of thy mercies in Jesus Christ.

Bless our rulers, especially thy servant the President of the United States; dispose them to act as thy ministers for the good of mankind; and incline us to honour and obey them for thy sake. Spread the knowledge of thy word; and make thy Church the instrument of diffusing and upholding true religion. Preserve us all in the unity of the faith, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life; and finally bring us to thy kingdom in heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

TUESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and givest more then either we desire or deserve, we, thine unworthy servants, again draw nigh unto thee, with all humility and thankfulness of heart.

Lord, how precious are thy mercies! how great is the sum of them! and the least of them all is more than we have deserved. Thou art never weary of doing us good, but daily loadest us with thy benefits, even thou, the God of our salvation.

This day thou hast added to the number of thy mercies in that thou hast preserved our lives, and continued our comforts, and given us more time for repentance. O gracious Lord, we are still too far from thee; we do not esteem thy goodness as we ought, nor bend ourselves in earnest to thy service. Give us a lively sense of all thy benefits; and renew a right spirit within us. Turn thou us, and we shall be turned.

We have this day been wanting in many particulars of our duty: we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Accept our confession, O Lord, and make our repentance sincere.

Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, for the sake of thy blessed Son; seeing that we pray to thee as his disciples, with a lively faith in the atonement which he has made for our sins.

Take from us all ignorance, hardness of heart, and too much carefulness about the things of this life; and make us to be a household fearing thee, submitting ourselves to thy good pleasure, and putting our whole trust in thy mercy.

Be thou our protection this night, that no evil may befall us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling.

To thy blessing we commend ourselves, and all that belongs to us, and all for whom we ought to pray. Keep us in peace and safety; grant that we may go to rest in charity with all men; and let thy Holy Spirit so rule the hearts of all, that the course of this world may be peaceably ordered, and that thy Church may joyfully serve thee in all godly quietness.

Keep us, O Lord, if it seem good to thee, in health and safety, to another day; and give us grace to employ it to thy honour in the work of our salvation. And whenever thou shalt be pleased to end our term of days, and to call us out of this mortal state, grant that our peace may be made with thee by Jesus Christ; and, at the last day, raise us from the sleep of death to the resurrection of eternal life, through Him, who died and rose again for us, the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O God, thou art our God; early will we seek thee. Thou art good and doest good to all; thy mercy is

over all thy works. Thou madest us, and not we ourselves; we are thy people and the sheep of thy pasture; we therefore worship and fall down and kneel before the Lord our Maker. Unworthy as we are to offer unto thee any sacrifice, thou hast appointed unto us a great High Priest, in whose name we come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may find mercy, and grace to help us in the time of need.

Grant that the frequency and earnestness of our prayers may be proportioned to the greatness of our wants. Make us to rejoice in every opportunity of worshipping thy divine Majesty, and preserve us from the sin of drawing near to thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from thee.

We humbly thank thee, O Lord, that thou hast preserved us the night past, and renewest unto us thy goodness this morning. Take us again into thy guidance and protection during the day; and so govern us by thy grace, that we may neither think, nor speak, nor do any thing this day, which may displease thee, or wound our own souls. Assist us to be sincere and hearty in dedicating ourselves, our souls and bodies, to thy service. Preserve us from the power of evil: from the temptations incident to our respective callings; from the lusts of the flesh, and the vanities of a wicked world.

Send thy good Spirit to direct and guide us in the ways and works of godliness: purify our affections; enliven our devotion; teach us how to pray, and how to hear, and read, and profit by thy holy Word. Make us Christians in heart, and in hope, and not only in

name. Teach us the value of our souls, and of the salvation which has been wrought for them by Christ Jesus. May we never be ashamed of confessing him before men; but, amidst all discouragements and difficulties, give us boldness to show ourselves his true disciples.

Let our conversation be such as becometh his Gospel; and whatsoever we do in word or in deed, let us do all in his name, giving thanks to God and the Father through him. And let the words of our mouth and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

Give us grace, we beseech thee, that we may be just and honest in all our dealings; kind and charitable towards all men; sober, temperate, and chaste; and, more particularly, careful of the duties which we owe to one another, as members of a Christian family: that having, by thy grace, been kept this day without wilful sin, we may, at the close of it, lie down to rest, with the answer of a good conscience towards God; and with a sure trust in the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ; for whose sake we beseech thee to hear us, according to the full intention of his own most holy prayer.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O MOST holy and merciful Lord God, the fountain of all goodness, wisdom, and strength; we pray thee, look down, from heaven thy dwelling-place, upon us

thine unworthy servants, who desire to renew our praises and prayers to thy divine majesty.

We confess, that notwithstanding thy gracious dealings towards us, we have neither loved thee nor obeyed thee as we ought to have done.

We have been too much taken up with the cares and concerns of this life, and too negligent in the great work of our salvation. O gracious Lord, have compassion on our infirmities, and for thy dear Son's sake turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved. Grant that neither the sins of this day, nor the transgressions of our past life, may ever be had in remembrance before thee. Look upon us, O Lord, as reconciled unto thee in Jesus Christ; and grant to us for the time to come the aid of thy Holy Spirit, that we may walk as becometh those who have been redeemed of the Lord.

Let not sin reign in our mortal bodies, nor vain desires take possession of our hearts: but by the efficacy of thy grace destroy in us all evil habits and all unholy wishes.

Convince us, we pray thee, of the shortness and uncertainty of this life; that we may always be in a state of preparation and watchfulness, as servants, who wait for the coming of their Lord.

Give us grace, that we may be daily more and more sensible of the vanity of all worldly objects of desire; and more intent upon laying up for ourselves treasures in heaven.

May we never slight thy warnings, nor neglect the opportunities which thou affordest us. Make us to love thy Holy Word; enlighten our understanding to

receive, and purify our affections to hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Receive, we beseech thee, our intercessions for all mankind, especially for our relations, friends, and neighbours; bring them all to the knowledge and practice of thy law; grant unto them all things needful both for their souls and bodies.

Make this nation, O Lord, to be a people serving thee.

Root out from among us all ungodliness, all uncharitableness, all indifference to religion; that we may be indeed thy people, and thou mayest be our God.

Bless and protect thy servant the President of the United States, and all others in authority; that under them this nation may be godly and quietly governed.

Pity the afflicted and distressed in mind, body, and estate; and mercifully relieve them, as may be most conducive to thy glory, and to their eternal good.

To these, our prayers and intercessions, we desire to add our unfeigned thanksgivings for all the benefits which thou hast conferred upon us; for all the blessings which we have enjoyed from our youth up until now; particularly for the mercies and comforts of the day past; but above all, for our redemption by Jesus Christ.

Be pleased to continue thy protection to us through this night. Refresh our bodies with quiet sleep, and our souls with the consolations of thy Holy Spirit; and when thou shalt call us out of this world, give us everlasting rest and peace in thy eternal kingdom, through the merits of our Redeemer Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY God, maker of all things, father of all mankind, receive our morning tribute of prayer and praise. We are thine; and are bound to honour and serve thee, as the creatures of thy hand, and as the disciples of thy blessed Son.

Thou alone hast preserved us unto this day; it is through thy mercy that we have this opportunity of magnifying and praising thy holy name.

We bless thee for the returning light; and if our souls have contracted aught of evil during the night-season, cleanse them, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit, and dispose them to thy service.

We confess that we have sinned against thee, and done much evil in thy sight; neither have we obeyed thy law with perfectness of heart.

Thou knowest, O Lord, the weakness of our nature: have compassion upon our infirmities, and forgive us all our sins, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Lift up the light of thy countenance upon us; speak peace unto thy people; and let them not turn again unto folly: but send them grace, to preserve them from the power of sin.

Enable us this day to fulfil the duties of our respective callings with truth and diligence; that when we again meet together to praise thee, our consciences may not reproach us with having broken any of thy commandments.

Grant that we may this day be set forward in our Christian course; that we may be more able to resist

temptation, more mindful of thy presence, more desirous of thy grace.

To this end, open thou our eyes, that we may see the wondrous things of thy law ; give us understanding, that we may know thy testimonies ; and write the words of thy Gospel in our hearts.

Bless all our honest endeavours ; make us content with what thy providence shall order for us ; and grant that no worldly business or pleasures may divert us from the thoughts of the life to come.

Make us duly thankful for all thy mercies, and mindful of the wants of others ; tender-hearted and compassionate ; forgiving others, even as thou, Lord, for Christ's sake, hast promised to forgive us.

May it please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts.

Be merciful unto all men : convert the sinful, strengthen the weak-hearted, raise up those who fall, and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

We humbly thank thee, O heavenly Father, for the continuance of thy mercies ; for all the good gifts which thou hast bestowed upon us : for our life, our senses, our worldly substance ; our means and opportunities of grace.

But above all, we desire to praise thee for thy blessed Son, and for the redemption which He has wrought ; and we beseech thee, for the sake of that great Mediator and Intercessor, to accept these imperfect petitions, which we conclude with the words taught us by the Lord himself.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

THURSDAY EVENING.

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who art exalted far above all blessing and praise, and yet humblest thyself to the prayers of thine unworthy servants, be present, we beseech thee, with us, who are now met together in thy name.

Another day is taken from the sum of our lives: give us grace to remember that we are so much nearer to our latter end; and fill us with a true repentance for all the sins and follies of our past lives.

Grant that the opportunities which may yet be vouchsafed to us, may be improved by us to the purposes of our Christian calling: make us day by day more serious, diligent and devout.

By all the dispensations of thy providence, whether of good or evil, bring us nearer to thyself; and make us thine, through Jesus Christ, in heart and affections, as we are by name and in profession.

Quicken us in the pursuit of heavenly things, and make us faithful in the discharge of every appointed duty; serving thee with sincerity of heart, and doing to all men as we would they should do unto us.

Subdue in us, by the power of thy grace, every evil affection; and make our conversation to be such as becometh the people of the Lord.

Direct, sanctify, and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of thy laws, and in the works of thy commandments.

Let neither pleasure, nor profit, nor anger, nor fear, make us forget the very least of thy commandments; but increase in us more and more all the Christian graces and virtues.

Receive our humble prayers for all conditions of men: grant that all, who confess thy holy name, may live in unity and love.

We beseech thee, show forth the power of thy grace, by enlightening those that are in darkness, and by converting those that are in sin.

Endue all orders and degrees of men amongst us, with those virtues, which may most conduce to thy honour and glory, and to the good of thy Church and people.

We commend to thy fatherly goodness all our relations and friends; beseeching thee to take them and us into thy holy keeping this night, and to prepare us, both in soul and body, to serve thee faithfully another day.

Grant that we may go to rest this night in charity with all men; and give us time and grace to make our peace with thee, through Jesus Christ, before we go hence and be no more seen.

Hear us, O Lord, for thy dear Son's sake, and answer us according to the spirit of that prayer which He has taught us:

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Almighty God, who formest the spirit of man within him, and fittest him to serve and worship thee; we are thy servants and children, the work of thy hand. Thou hast holden us up ever since we were born; our praise shall be continually of thee.

We acknowledge that we are not worthy to lift up our hands unto thee : we have sinned and done amiss : our transgressions are more in number than the hairs of our head ; they are a heavy burden upon our souls. We have sinned against light and knowledge ; against mercies and warnings ; against providences, and opportunities of good. We desire not to justify ourselves, but to confess before thee, that we are utterly unclean.

O Lord, enter not into judgment with thy servants ; but spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed : for the glory of thy name, and for the sake of thy blessed Son, deliver us, and be merciful unto us.

Cast us not away from thy presence ; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us : but remember us, for Christ's sake, with the favour that thou bearest unto thy people, and visit us with thy salvation.

Without thy help we can do no good thing : make us to feel our own infirmity, and the comforts of thy grace. Bear us up by the strength of faith, and by the power of love and hope, above all the temptations which may assault us ; that we may keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Let thy blessing be upon us this day, that we may do nothing but what we know to be pleasing to thee : enable us to avoid all occasions of sin ; and when we fall into temptation, make a way for us to escape.

Grant to us severally such measures of thy grace, as may fit us for the duties of our respective stations. Make us humble to our superiors, friendly towards our equals, kind and considerate to the poor and needy, charitable and forgiving towards those who do us wrong.

Make us to take delight in the work of prayer and praise; in all the ordinances of religion; and especially in partaking spiritually of the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; and grant that we may excite others by our good example to glorify thee, our heavenly Father.

Hearken, O Lord, to our humble intercessions for the whole race of mankind. Have mercy upon all unbelievers, and bring them home to thy flock. Make sinners to see the error of their ways, and turn them to thyself. Preserve the church in unity and peace; instruct the ministers and stewards of thy word and sacraments; and enable them, both by their preaching and living, to show forth the power of the Gospel.

Assist the afflicted and distressed; giving them patience under their suffering; and, when thou seest fit, a happy deliverance from all their troubles.

O Lord, thou knowest all our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: forgive, we beseech thee, the imperfections of these our prayers, and graciously accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

FRIDAY EVENING.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O thou Most Highest; to tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night-season.

Hearken unto the voice of our calling, O Lord,

our Maker and Preserver; for unto thee do we make our prayer.

We come before thee, O heavenly Father, with all humility of heart, as sinful and unworthy creatures, less than the least of all thy mercies. We have all sinned and come short of thy glory: but thou art gracious and long-suffering, and hast compassion upon the infirmity of thy servants, for thy dear Son's sake.

We are met together in his name: be present with us, we beseech thee, by thy Holy Spirit; dispose us to serious recollection, and to earnest prayer.

Make us deeply sensible of our sins, and especially of those which we have this day committed; and so quicken our repentance, and strengthen our faith in the atoning blood of Christ, that we may be cleansed from all sin, and be at peace with thee.

Awaken us, O Lord, from spiritual insensibility, and bring us to a lively sense of our condition here, and of the value of our calling in Jesus Christ. Enable us, by thy grace, to have our conversation in heaven, and diligently to seek those things which are above.

Make us always mindful of our own frailty, of the shortness and uncertainty of this life, of the eternity of that which is to come, and of the unspeakable difference between heaven and hell; that we may be of the number of those who strive to enter in at the strait gate, and, by thy gracious assistance, find it.

We bless thy holy name for all the mercies which thou hast bestowed upon us: for our life, health, and reason; for all the faculties both of our souls and bodies: grant that we may use and improve them to thy glory.

We bless thee that we were born of Christian parents; we thank thee for all the privileges and hopes of the Christian covenant; give us grace to use all diligence, that we may make our calling and election sure.

We bless thee for thy patient forbearance towards us, notwithstanding our repeated sins; for thy preservation of us from numberless dangers; for the bountiful goodness of thy providence, and for all the blessings of this life.

But above all, we adore thy tender love and compassion to us, and to all mankind, in the redemption of the world, by our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who humbled himself, even to death upon the cross, for us miserable sinners, that he might make us thy children, and exalt us unto everlasting life.

We also bless thee for all the means of grace, which thou hast given us in thy word and sacraments, in the ordinances of thy Church, and the opportunities of public worship.

Grant that we may so esteem and profit by these and all thy mercies, that having been faithful and diligent servants of our Lord, we may finally receive that crown of glory, which thou hast promised to those who love thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Almighty and most merciful Father, who, for our many sins committed against thee, mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days, we

humbly thank thee, that in the multitude of thy mercies thou hast hitherto spared us.

Accept, we beseech thee, our unfeigned sorrow for our past transgressions ; and grant, that we may never so presume upon thy mercy, as to despise the riches of thy goodness : but let a sense of thy forbearance and long-suffering work in us repentance and amendment of life, to thy honour and glory, and to our final acceptance in the last day, through the merits of our Saviour Christ.

Keep alive in us, O Lord, a true spirit of devotion ; and preserve us from the great sin of praying to thee with our lips only, and not with our hearts and minds.

Convince us of our entire dependence upon thee ; quicken us in the pursuit of things eternal ; that we may continually press forward to obtain the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus.

Thou knowest, Lord, the dangers which beset us in this present world : strengthen us by thy power, against the enemies of our salvation ; hold thou us up, and we shall be safe.

Dispose us, we beseech thee, rightly to discharge the duties of this day. Watch over our paths ; compass us about with thy favour ; preserve us in our going out and coming in ; and direct all our steps in the way of thy commandments.

Make us truly honest and conscientious in all our dealings ; diligent in the works of our calling ; innocent in our conversation ; meek, charitable and forgiving towards others ; watchful over ourselves, and ever mindful of thy presence.

Sanctify to us our crosses and afflictions, if it be

thy good pleasure to afflict us: and give us such a measure of patience and godly resolution, that we may be willing to take up our cross daily, and to follow the Lamb, whithersoever he goeth.

O Lord, grant that this family and household may abound more and more in love for thee, and in devotion to thy service: that it may be amongst many others, the humble means of keeping alive a spirit of piety in this nation, that thou mayest bless them, and visit them with thy salvation.

Have mercy upon thy whole Church; more especially that portion of it to which we belong. Pour out the graces of thy Spirit upon all its members, that, if possible, it may be presented unto thee, through Jesus Christ, without blemish and without spot.

O Lord, if we have now asked any thing amiss, we pray thee pardon our ignorance and infirmity; and whatever is good for us, even if we ask it not, be pleased to grant to us, in the name and for the sake of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

SATURDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY and most gracious God and Father, who art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy to all who call upon thee; have respect unto the prayers of thy servants; hear thou from heaven, thy dwelling-place, and when thou hearest, forgive, for Jesus Christ's sake.

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Help us to approach thee at all times with reverence and godly fear; and at this time assist our prayers that we make before thee, with one accord, as believers in thy blessed Son.

We adore thy goodness, O Lord, that thou hast given him to be a ransom for our sins; to suffer death upon the cross, the just for the unjust, to bring us nearer unto thee. Give us grace to remember, that He has purchased us unto himself for a peculiar people, zealous of good works; that we may walk worthy of our calling, and adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Grant that we may not be insensible to the blessings of the Christian covenant; nor neglectful of the means of grace; nor blind to thy mercies vouchsafed to us in the whole course of our lives. It is by thy grace alone that we have been kept back from the greatest sins, and enabled to do the least good: make us duly thankful for all the spiritual benefits which we enjoy.

Enlighten us to discern thy providence in all that befalls us; in sickness and in health, in riches and in poverty, in tribulation and in joy.

During the past week we have had many occasions to be thankful for thy fatherly kindness and forbearance: grant that the next may be spent in thy service, and in doing the works of our calling; not in sinful nor in vain pursuits. More especially prepare us for the duties of the Lord's day, that we may sanctify it by a holy rest; ceasing from worldly cares and pleasures, and giving up ourselves to thy service, and to the improvement of our spiritual state.

Make us sensible of our uncertain condition in this life ; and teach us so to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Let each night remind us of the sleep of death, that we may live in continual preparation for our change, and be ready to lay aside the burthen of the flesh, when our appointed time shall come.

O Lord, be pleased to bless not only this family, but all mankind. Establish thy kingdom upon earth ; and more especially we pray thee that the Church of Christ may be strengthened in this nation, that thy blessing and favour may rest upon it.

We beseech thee to preserve and bless thy servant, the President of the United States, and all others in authority ; that they, remembering whose ministers they are, may in all things seek thy honour and glory ; and that we may cheerfully obey them in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed word and ordinance.

Give grace to the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries, that they may persuade men to enter into the true fold, to fear and love thee, and to trust in Jesus Christ : and that they themselves may set forth the doctrines of the Gospel, not only with their lips, but in their lives.

Relieve, with thy comforts, the sick and afflicted, O thou, who art a father of the fatherless, and the God of the widow ; and do for all thy servants more than they know how to ask, for the sake of thy dear Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

The grace of our Lord, &c.

A PRAYER

To be added when any member of the Family is sick.

O Lord Almighty, who givest to thy creatures health and strength, and, when thou seest fit, visitest them with sickness and infirmity, be pleased to hear the prayers which we offer in behalf of *him* who is now afflicted by thy hand. Look down from heaven, behold, visit, and in thine own good time relieve *him*. Bless the means used for *his* recovery; and dispose *him* to place all *his* trust and confidence in thee, not in the help of man. Be merciful unto *him*, gracious Lord, not according to *his* deservings, but according to the necessity of *his* case, and according to the multitude of thy mercies in Jesus Christ. In submission to thy most wise and good disposal of all things, we beseech thee that this bitter cup may pass away from thy servant: but if that may not be, give *him* grace to improve it to the good of *his* soul, and set *him* forward on *his* way to life eternal, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A THANKSGIVING

To be added when any member of the Family has recovered from sickness.

We humbly thank thee, O gracious and merciful Lord, that thou hast heard the prayers of thy servant, who was lately brought low by the visitation of sickness, and hast raised *him* up from the gates of the grave. Thou hast delivered *his* soul from death, *his* eyes from tears, and *his* feet from falling. O Lord, let it be good for *him* that *he* has been afflicted; teach *him* and us the uncertainty of this life, and give us grace to fix our hopes upon thy promises of a better, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

To be added, when any affliction has befallen one of the Family.

O Almighty and most just God, who orderest all the events of this uncertain life, righteous art thou in all

thy dealings, and holy in all thy ways. Give us grace contentedly to bear whatsoever burthens thou seest fit to lay upon any of us, assured that all things work together for good to them that love thee, and seek thee through Jesus Christ.

Be gracious, Lord, to thy afflicted servants; comfort the mourners, and impart to them the consolations of thy Spirit.

Give us grace to make a profitable use of this, and all thy dispensations. Make us to remember that this world is not our abiding place; that our life is but a vapour, so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

Lord, our times are in thy hands; spare us yet a little; and teach us so to number our days, and to apply our hearts unto wisdom, that we may pass, each at his appointed time, to the reward which thou hast promised to the faithful followers of thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

To be added on the mornings of those days, upon which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is to be administered.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins, did suffer death upon the cross, prepare us, we beseech thee, by thy grace, for the worthy celebration of that holy ordinance, which He was pleased to appoint for a continual remembrance of his death, for a pledge of his love, and for a sign and means of grace, to our great and endless comfort. Make us to discern the Lord's body; to remember and adore the exceeding love of Christ our Saviour, thus dying for us. Give us repentance unto life not to be repented of. Endue us with a lively faith, a perfect love, and an universal charity. Enable us spiritually to receive the body and blood of Christ our Saviour; that so all carnal affections may die in us, and that all things belonging to the Spirit may live and grow in us; and that, being continually refreshed and strengthened by thy grace, we may persevere in all godliness unto our lives' end, and finally receive an everlasting recompense, through the merits of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

To be used when any Child of the Family has been baptized.

ALMIGHTY GOD, through whose gracious favour a member of this family has this day been admitted, by baptism, into the church of Christ, called into a state of salvation, and made thy child by adoption and grace; grant, we beseech thee, that by the continual help of thy Holy Spirit, *he* may be enabled to lead the rest of *his* life according to this beginning; walking uprightly before thee in the true faith of Christ crucified, and in the sincere practice of those things which thou hast commanded; that finally through the merits of *his* Redeemer, *he* may be saved from the wrath to come, and enter into thy Church in heaven. Grant this, we beseech thee, most merciful Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

A PRAYER

To be used in the morning of New-Year's Day.

ALMIGHTY GOD, [illegible] Lord of life and death, who appointest to every man his portion of days, to be spent in doing the work of his Christian calling; we bless and praise thy holy name, and acknowledge thy goodness in having brought us safe to the beginning of another year.

O Lord, when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. How great is thy mercy, that notwithstanding our neglect and abuse of the opportunities and seasons which have been granted to us, thou hast yet spared us for a time, and hast given us a further space for repentance!

Make us truly sensible of thy mercy, most merciful God; and give us grace to consider, that another year of our uncertain life is passed away; and that we are so much nearer to judgment. Let us, in good earnest, set about the work of preparation for death, that when the Lord cometh, he may find us so doing.

If it please thee to spare us yet another year, make us diligent and careful to redeem our time, and to spend it in thy service; that at the end of it, and at the great

day of account, we may not be found to have wasted or misused a precious talent.

O Lord, it is with thee to dispose our hearts to thy service, as it is to lengthen our days; be pleased to make us wise unto salvation; that we may consider, while it is yet day, the things that belong unto our peace; and that we may, by the help of thy Holy Spirit, pass this year, and all the years we have yet to live, in the comfortable hope of a blessed eternity, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

Some short devotional Forms, which may be used with any of the preceding Prayers.

Whom have we in heaven but thee, O Lord? there is none on earth that we desire besides thee. Thou art our God, and we will thank thee: thou art our God, and we will serve thee. Be thou our ruler and guide.

O gracious Lord, withhold not from thy servants any of the gifts and graces of thy Spirit; but as for the things of this world, dispense them to us in such measure, as may best contribute to thy honour, and to our eternal welfare.

O Lord, give us sincerity of heart to confess our sins before thee, a deep sense of our own weakness and want of grace, and a steadfast resolution to forsake and avoid every thing which thou hast forbidden.

We implore thy pardon, not for our own sake, but for the sake of thy blessed Son; we plead thy gracious promises in Christ Jesus; we earnestly seek for the comforts of thy grace.

This is the confidence we have in God, that if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us. (John v. 14.) Lord, may it be with thy servants according to this word!

May the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of the Lord and his Christ; and may all that own thee for their King, become thy faithful subjects, and obey thy laws.

Unto thee, O Lord, who art able to do for us abundantly more than we can ask or think, unto thee be glory in the Church, by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end.

To God only wise, be glory through Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, unto all who are afflicted, that they may search out their ways, and see whence their visitation cometh.

Preserve, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy church from all dangerous errors, from divisions, from indifference, and from uncharitableness.

Lord, the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall. In all temptations we beseech thee to succour us, that no sin may ever get the dominion over us.

Who can understand his errors? O cleanse thou us from our secret faults.

O Lord, glorify thyself by the salvation of souls; especially deliver us, thy servants, from the bondage of sin, and gather us to the number of thine own.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, be merciful unto our sin; for it is great. Show thy servants the light of thy countenance, and save us for thy mercy's sake.

Godliness is great riches, if a man be content with that he hath.

Blessed Jesus, support thy poor members under all their troubles, and sanctify their bodily wants to the improvement of their souls' health.

O Lord, the protector of all them that fear thee, set thy saving mark upon this house; and let not the destroyer have power to hurt us.

Almighty Father, finish the work of mercy which thou hast begun in us; make us thine through Jesus Christ, and preserve us unto the end.

Protect and keep us in the midst of this deceitful world, and direct us in the way to life eternal, through Jesus Christ.

O Holy Spirit of grace, help our infirmities; restrain our wandering thoughts; fix them upon our duty: make us serious and thoughtful at all times, but especially when we attend upon God.

O gracious God, make us to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, that our labour may not be in vain in the Lord.

THE END.

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